

The Pocahontas Times.

If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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Didn't Blame Boozie.
An old tramp, tough and grimy,
peddled this every day on the bowery
always with these words: "Not copy-
righted—no owner but the Truth."

He took a bottle up to bed,
"Drank whisky hot each night,
Drank cocktails in the morning,
But never could get tight.
He shuddered in the evening,
And always had the blues,
Until he took a bowl or two—
But he never blamed the booze.
His joints were full of rheumatism,
His appetite was slack,
He had pains between his shoulders
And chills ran down his back.
He suffered from insomnia,
At night he couldn't snooze,
He said it was the climate—
But he never blamed the booze.

His constitution was too downy,
At least, that's what he said—
His legs were swollen each morning,
And he often had swollen head.
He tackled beer, wine, whiskey,
And if they did not fuse
He blamed it to dyspepsia—
But he never blamed the booze.
He said he couldn't sleep at nights,
And he always had bad dreams;
He claimed he always laid awake
Till early sunrise beams.
He thought it was malaria—
Alas 'twas but a ruse—
He blamed it unto every thing—
But he never blamed the booze.

His liver needed scraping,
And his kidneys had the gout;
He swallowed lots of bitters,
Till at last he cleaned them out.
His legs were swelled with dropsy,
Till he had to cut his shoes:
He blamed it to the doctors—
But he never blamed the booze.
Then he had the tremens,
And he tackled rats and snakes;
First he had the fever,
And then he had the shakes.
At last he had a funeral,
And the mourners had the blues.
And the epitaph they carved for him
was—
"He never blamed the booze."

Every night the same old tramp
keeps a dime for a bed and
that is all he saves from the sales of his
jingles. The remainder goes for the
"booze"—New York Sun.

Your Money or Your Life.
We met a philosopher from
Budapest on No. 3, on the C. &
O. one evening last week. An
old gentleman from "Onlpeper
County, Virginia, said he was on
the back seat. The Colonel had
imbibed too heavily and insisted
on counting his money, with the
aid of a foreign looking gentle-
man who was in the seat with him.
The Colonel had something over a
thousand dollars on his person.

In an hour or so the Conductor
came by and said the Colonel who
had been put to bed in a Pullman
had either lost his money or been
robbed.
It was suggested that the for-
eigner be asked about. He was
found in the smoker, and he
rushed back through the car, say-
ing: "Saire, I geeve heem my
card."

When he reached the befuddled
Colonel he showed him where the
money was safely tucked away in
his inside vest pocket, where it
had been transferred by the
Count's advice from the breeches
pocket. The Colonel having car-
ried his money in his breeches
pocket for fifty or more years had
not thought to search any farther.

The Count came back and some-
one called out: "Not guilty!" The
Count then held a levee. "I been
vid him two-three day—Hotel
Ruffner—he drunk all the time—I
geeve heem my card."
The Count with his fine figure,
blonde mustache, blue eyes, fine
complexion, seemed like Du-
Maurier's man;

"I am gai, I am poet, I dwell
Rupert Street, at the fifth, I am
swell,
And I sing tralala
And I love my mamma,
And the English, I speaks him
quite well!"
Only the Count apologized for
his English and said he had been
in America ten months. His home
was in Hungary in the city of
Budapest.

Someone asked him if he was a
Slav and the Count resented it and
intimated that he was no more a
Slav than his questioner was a
negro.
He then talked at great length
about the condition of the affairs
in this country and like a great
many close observers was taking
back home wrong impressions.
He considered all America offi-
cials corrupt and the courts all
capable of being bribed. We were
all sorry to see that he had this
impression and tried to assure

him that there were still some few
remaining who were not for sale.
The Count thought our nation was
good for about ten years yet.
He complained of the system of
new trials given to criminals in
this country. The poor man was
unable to afford but one trial and
was punished while the rich man
was able to get new trials if ac-
cused of crime until he went free.

We explained to him that it
was a case of either your money
or your life. That the law pun-
ished in either event by depriving
the accused of his money or his
life. And that the law held you
up for one or the other. He saw
the point and if he adds this to
his stock of American information
it will be about as true as the bal-
ance he has acquired.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT.
What hidden force is it that
makes a man from the woods keep
on the grass when he goes to the
settlement is a question hard to
answer satisfactorily. Once a
flippant young man suggested that
perhaps it was due to a fellow
feeling for green things which
drove him to it. He was looked
upon unkindly by his elders, who
had been to town, and he became
silent.

After due deliberation it was
decided to lay it at the door of
heredity, and was put in the Ori-
ginal Sin table, classified under
the sub-head of Forbidden Fruit.
The talk then turned to William
Weston's trip to the White House.
William Weston had been raised
in the backwoods and at the
age of thirty knew a steer when
he saw one and was making mon-
ey. He had shipped a car load
of cattle to the city and was tak-
ing in the sights. He had a fond-
ness of natural history, and the
first day saw him on his way to the
zoological park. Near the gate
was a sign board, prohibiting any
demonstration whatever toward
the trees of the park, under pen-
alty of the law. Weston was a
broad shouldered, active man,
and had no thought of needing a
staff, much less having a roman-
tic longing to cut and trim a grub.
Upon reading the sign he was im-
mediately seized with a burning
desire to climb, cut and peel a
sapling near by. But the gar-
dener being in sight he resisted this
impulse. He sneaked off into a
more secluded spot and fell upon
an unoffending spout with a fear-
ful joy, as if it were the wood
from which magic wands are
made, and cut a walking stick.

He wanted some material evi-
dence of a morning spent in a
city park. Weston inwardly wish-
ed the brush on a hundred acres of
land he owned was where it was
thought as much of as the one he
had just cut. He rubbed mud on
the newly cut ends to give it a
weather beaten look and went to
view the animals. He got a se-
vere shock when the keeper of the
lion house asked him to leave his
stick at the entrance lest he pro-
voke the king of beasts to anger
by jabbing him in the ribs just to
see what the fool would do. He
did not enjoy looking at the cag-
ed beasts for he could not but pic-
ture himself in a somewhat simi-
lar position for had he not malici-
ously cut down, dug up and car-
ried away with intent to destroy
a certain spout, which had been
fostered with much care after the
most approved methods of forest
culture. The close atmosphere
of the cage house made him nerv-
ous, and giving his name as Jones
and a place of residence that was
not West Virginia when asked by
the man who was teaching a par-
rot to say "liar," he went out the
back entrance. Weston walked
across a grass plot to another part
of the park, cut a club and pulled
for the mountains.

Weston's house has recently
been over run by neighbors who
are coming miles to see a cane
cut by the President's own hand
and given to an admiring consti-
tuent who had rendered signal ser-
vice during the recent campaign.

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Mountain Boy.
Don't forget we do job printing.

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BATTLE WITH STRIKERS

A Bloody Fight in Raleigh County. Paris Yeager and Hamp
Galford in the Skirmish.

One Hundred United States Deputies have a Fight with Two Hundred
Strikers who Resist Arrest.

The most serious encounter be-
tween strikers and United States
officials of the great coal strike
took place in Raleigh County last
Wednesday. In the New River
Coal field many men who went
out ever since in spite of the ac-
tion of their organizations. These
men have congregated together in
camps and have become a menace
to society. They are well armed
and they move from place to place
in companies, marching in semi-
military manner.

The enormity of this offence has
been greatly emphasized by the
action of the Federal Courts in
granting injunctions against the
strikers as a class instead of by
name restraining them from such
demonstrations.

Deputy-Marshal Cunningham
attempted to arrest a number of
these striking miners and had to
retire before some fifty Winchester
rifles leveled at his head. He
joined with the Sheriff of Raleigh
County and with instructions from
Judge Kellar to arrest the strikers
who had defied the law, at all
hazards, gathered together a small
army of 93 picked men. The ar-
my formed at Prince and proceed-
ed by rail to a place named An-
sarch, and climbed the mountain,
Tuesday night.

The strikers who had been
camping out had that night found
shelter in a small mining camp
named Stannaford City.
The camp was at the bottom of
a hollow. The deputy marshals

Stony Creek.
Cutting timber and skidding logs
is the order of the day.
Edgar Woodell is cutting tim-
ber for A. C. Curry.
Wealey Barlow was here on
business Tuesday.
William Sharp and son are mak-
ing head way on their saw mill.
Preston Duncan is going to
help W. G. Baxter make sugar.
Clark Kellison was in this part
Sunday.

Miss Alice Rogers returned
home Monday from Porter Kel-
lison's where she has been staying
for some time.
It looks like winter had come
again and feed is getting scarce.
Uriah Beverage lost a fine calf
last week.
Rev. A. M. Crabtree delivered
a very interesting sermon at this
place Sunday morning.

John Davis is seen in these
parts very often, look out boys
more weddings in sight.
J. M. Kennison is on the sick
list but is improving.
There will be prayer meeting
at West Union the second Sunday
in March.
Wallace Jackson was here on
business Tuesday.

Preston Duncan is hauling hay
for L. J. McNeil.
Miss Nettie and Bessie Van-
rean were visiting friends near
Onoto last week.
Albert Sharp is on the sick list.
Vester Gilmer started for camp
Monday.
Wash Hill is working for his
father-in-law, James Duncan.
William Gilmer is home from
Red Lick.
Amos Beverage made a flying
trip to Edray last week.
Porter Kellison is going to help
Jacob Beverage make sugar.
Luther McNeil is cutting timber
for C. B. Vanrean.

Norman Cogger was at A. C.
Curry's last week.
Misses Lucy Sharp and "Hill
was visiting at Mrs. G. H. Van-
rean's last week.
Harper Anderson started home
Thursday.

Huntersville Notes.

Quite a lot of the lumbermen
from Smith & Whittings camp
were in town last week.

Mrs. Rachel Friel is moving
to town this week, glad to see her
come.

Mrs. Susan Carter of Marlinton
spent a few days with her daugh-
ter Mr. O. D. Warwick.

Mr. Aron Thomas steps 40 feet
in a circle, it is a girl.

Mr. Howard Barlow has bought
Mr. Ginger out.

Quite a number of boys and
girls went to Mr. Anburn Frels
Saturday night and had some fine
music.

The social given by Mr.
and O. D. Warwick was greatly
enjoyed by all present.

Dr. B. Lockridge's baby still
continues very ill.

Mrs. Lawson made a trip to
Greenbrier last week.

Floyd Curry is working for Mr.
Amos Barlow.

Letcher Barnes has moved to G.
W. Ginger's place.

Misses Anna Lee Ervine and
Vergie Reid is attending the Hun-
tersville school.

Mr. Clyde Moore and sister
Mabel expect to go to Bellington
soon to visit their sister Mrs.
Wood.

Harry Patterson has returned
from his recent business trip to
Monterey.

Rev. Nickle preached a very
interesting sermon here Sunday.

We understand Clyde Moore
has completed his music course
for this year.

G. W. Wagner is off to Cherry
River on business.

Mrs. Henry Sharp is visiting
her daughter, Mrs. Warren.

Seebert Items.
As we glanced through the col-
umns of the Times, we notice
nearly every place represented ex-
cept Seebert, but we are not still.

Sunday morning, Feb. 22, while
standing near the school house a
sound met our ears that sounded
like a hive of bees in the summer
time when the warm sun has set
in the west, and in going into the
building we found a large crowd
of people busily engaged in a Sun-
day School, not a drone in the
hive.

Rev. Lynch preached a sermon
in the evening which we should
be as well as we enjoyed to lis-
ten to the sermon. A large crowd
was present, this is what makes
us feel like we like to live.

Miss Birdie Baxter our teacher
has a large school. It is reported
that there are seventeen pupils en-
rolled for the first time in school
nearly all in the A. B. C.

Anburn Pyles closed his school
at Riverside Friday, Feb. 20 ren-
dering a very nice programme that,
night a spelling match and a vo-
cal musical entertainment were dis-
played before a large audience.
Every heart was made high and
full of music and joy.

Seymour Gladwell has stopped
looking for something better, he
is now on the track of the Holy
Grail.

Miss Grace Wade of Academy
was a pleasant visitor in our vil-
lage last week.

Blue Bird.
We are having snow, mud and
lots of rain.

Mr. Sheets is sawing now he
will soon be done at this place.

Mr. Gum and C. F. Hull had a
law suit.

Smith Alderman was in town
yesterday.

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES.

The Houchin Relationship of Up-
per Pocahontas.

William Houchin, Sr., a Native of
West Moreland County, the Pro-
genitor.

This paper is devoted to the
Houchin relationship, and the
writer regrets that the particu-
lars now to be given were not in hand,
when the Pocahontas Sketches
were being compiled for the His-
tory of Pocahontas.

The ancestor of the Houchin
relationship in Highland and Po-
cahontas was William Houchins (1)
from West Moreland county, Va.,
and lived in what is now High-
land, Va. He was twice married.
His first marriage was with a Miss
Beard, Augusta, Co., second mar-
riage with a Miss Seybert in High-
land.

William Houchin (2) settled in
Wirt county and died in a politi-
cal wrangle in 1861, at a store for
expressing secession sentiments.
Moses Houchin of William (1),
is the progenitor of the Houchin
relationship. He came from Au-
gusta county 75 years ago,
and settled near Traveler's Repose
on lands now held by Jack Gumm.

Moses Houchin married Mary
Galford, daughter of Thomas Gal-
ford of Glade Hill. Their chil-
dren were John, Polly, Betsey, El-
lis, Nancy, Dicie, Morris and
Meriam, in the order named.

John Houchin of Moses, mar-
ried Rachel Higgins of James
Higgins and settled on the Home-
stead. Their children were Wil-
liam (2) Mary, who became Mrs.
Parks, of Wirt county, W. Va.,
Franklin, Peggy, who died in
youth, Nancy who became Mrs.
George Wright of Wirt county,
Rachel, Ann, John and Polk,
these also lived in Wirt county.

Polly Houchin of Moses, be-
came Mrs. Heiskell Jones and
lived in Braxton county, W. Va.
Betsey Houchin of Moses, be-
came Mrs. Joshua Burner, lived
a while at Traveler's Repose and
then migrated to Wirt county.
Ellis Houchin of Moses, mar-
ried Comfort Higgins and settled
at Traveler's Repose.

Nancy Houchin of Moses, the
progenitor, became Mrs. David
Deaver and settled on Back Moun-
tain and finally moved to Wirt
county, Mrs. George W. Kerr,
near Greenbank is her daughter.
Dicie Houchin of Moses, never
married, and died in Barbour
county at an advanced age, Mir-
iam of Moses, became Mrs. Steph-
en Ratcliffe.

Morris Houchin of Moses mar-
ried Rebecca Tomlinson and lo-
cated at Traveler's Repose. Upon
becoming enthused with the Cali-
fornia gold impulse in 1849, he
went out with a party of "forty-
niners," never returned, and his
fate is not known. Mrs. Morris
Houchin thereupon moved to
Wirt county. Their children were
Mary Eliza, now Mrs. James Gal-
ford, near Stoney Bottom.

Perry Houchin of Morris, was a
confederate soldier and died of
wounds in a Richmond Hospital.
Harriet Houchin of Morris, be-
came Mrs. Azariah White and
died in a mysterious and pathetic
manner at Cheat Bridge.
Amos Houchin of Morris, mar-
ried Sarah Nutter and settled in
Calhoun county. He was killed
by a falling tree in November
1900, leaving two orphaned chil-
dren, George and Flora.
Sarah Houchin of Morris be-
came Mrs. Edward Monroe, lives
in Wirt county and is the mother
of six children.
William Houchin (3) of Wil-
liam (1) the remote ancestor of the

Houchin relationship of Highland
and Pocahontas counties, married,
but the name of his wife is not
remembered, and lived in Wirt
county as already stated. His
children were Eliza, who became
Mrs. Peck and lived in Randolph
county. John Houchin of Wil-
liam (2) was a confederate soldier
and was killed from Ambush in
Wirt county while scouting.

His son William (3) first mar-
ried Nancy Wright of Wirt coun-
ty, his second marriage was with
Catherine Wilfong and he now
lives on Glady in Randolph coun-
ty.

In reference to the family of
Mrs. Joshua Burner, who was
Betsey Houchin of Moses.
The compiler has been furnished
the following particulars by Mrs.
Mary Eliza Galford, near Stoney
Bottom.

Henry Burner, her son, married
Sarah Kerr of Thomas Kerr, near
Arbovale, and lives in Calhoun
county.
Mary Jane Burner became Mrs.
William Irvine, near Greenbank.
John Burner, married Miss
Belle Coff and lives near Darbin.
Ellen Burner became Mrs. Geo.
Rader, of Wirt county.

Huldah Burner became Mrs. B.
Vaughn and now resides in Ne-
braska.
Thus with the aid of Mrs. Jas.
Galford, as she sat in her invalid
chair, disabled from walking for
more than a year by rheumatism,
the writer has been enabled to
record the foregoing particulars,
illustrating the history of the
Houchin relationship in our coun-
ty.

Moses Houchin the progenitor
was drafted for service in the war
of 1812, and had set out for Nor-
folk, but was recalled, upon ces-
sation of hostility before reaching
that city.

His memory should be honored
for performing the good part he
accomplished in opening up and
improving the head of Greenbrier,
a vicinity that was at that early
day such an important section of
our county, and which is now
coming into such prominence, as
the prospective development of
Durbin and Bartow, are thought
to foreshadow, unprecedented
prosperity for all in reach.

The short and simple annals
that have come down to us, pre-
sented by his kindred impress us
with the opinion that Moses
Houchin was one of the very wor-
thy characters whose name should
be embalmed by all that his de-
scendants and the children of his
fellow citizens and pioneer neigh-
bors, can give their praises and
a place for his name in their his-
tory.

In face of difficulties that seem
fabulous to us, and of which we
can form no adequate conception,
this resolute patriotic man, Moses
Houchins worked lived and died,
esteemed one of the good sub-
stantial citizens of our county in
its earlier history.

His family were among the first
to have servants in upper Poca-
hontas.
In the Historical sketches of
of Pocahontas county, mention
is made of Jacob Gumm, progenitor
of one of the groups of the Gumm
relationship in our county, whose
wife was Martha Houchin, sister
of Moses, it is believed. He set-
tled on the place now owned by
Charles A. Lightner. A por-
tion of Mrs. Gumm's patrimony
were two colored girls Delp and
Dophne, and were such curiosi-
ties in their time. W. T. P.

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